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## ARCTIC BLAST CONTINUES

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**ATLANTA (AP)** — The polar air that has made the Midwestern United States shiver over the past few days spread to the East and South on Tuesday, setting record low temperatures from Boston and New York to Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville and Little Rock



Doc Cheng bundles up with her chihuahua Happy as she braves a cold Arctic blast that brought temperatures down to 6 degrees above zero on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, in Atlanta.

(AP Photo/David Tulis)

— places where many people don't know the first thing about extreme cold. The Midwest and the East were colder than much of Antarctica.

In a phenomenon that forecasters said is actually not all that unusual, all 50 states saw freezing temperatures at some point Tuesday. That included Hawaii, where it was 18 degrees (-8 Celsius) atop Mauna Kea, a dormant volcano.

The big chill started in the Midwest over the weekend, and by Tuesday, it covered about half of the country.

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## Disability Scam Alleged In NYC



Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr. and New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton announce the indictment of defendants, including Richard Cosentino, in the photograph, right, in a Social Security fraud case, in New York, Jan. 7, 2014. Eighty retired New York City police officers and firefighters were charged on Tuesday in one of the largest disability frauds ever.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

## 80 Retired Police Officers, Firefighters Charged With Fraud

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**NEW YORK** - Eighty retired New York City police officers and firefighters were charged Tuesday in one of the largest Social Security disability frauds, a decades-long scheme in which false mental disability claims by as many as 1,000 people cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, according to court papers.

Scores of those charged in the case essentially stole in plain sight, according to a 205-count indictment and a bail letter, collect-

ing between \$30,000 and \$50,000 a year based on fabricated claims that they were completely incapacitated by serious psychiatric disorders. Many said their actions in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks were responsible for their psychiatric conditions, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety or depression. But their Facebook pages and other websites, according to the court papers, tell a starkly different story. The bail letter includes photographs culled from the Internet that show one riding a personal watercraft and

others working at jobs ranging from helicopter pilot to martial arts instructor. One is shown fishing off the coast of Costa Rica and another sitting astride a motorcycle, while another appeared in a television news story selling cannoli at the Feast of San Gennaro on Mulberry Street in Manhattan.

Indeed, prosecutors charge that they were coached by the scheme's organizers to appear disheveled and disoriented during interviews, in which doctors initially evaluated their disability applications before finding them to be mentally disabled and in-

capable of any work whatsoever.

The indictment, brought by the office of the Manhattan district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., charges a total of 106 people, four of whom are accused of running the scheme since 1988. That group includes an 83-year-old lawyer who has worked as an FBI agent and a prosecutor, an 89-year-old pension consultant and a 61-year-old official of the union that represents New York City police detectives, according to the bail letter.

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## British lawmakers visit Iran ahead of talks

BY NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — A British Parliament delegation arrived in Tehran on Tuesday on the first visit by U.K. lawmakers to Iran in years, as the two countries work to improve relations and ahead of continued talks on the country's disputed

nuclear program will be realized. He also met Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. Last November, Iran agreed to cap its nuclear enrichment program in return to easing some sanctions by the West. Both sides have held three rounds of expert-level talks about how to implement

but some issues remain to be resolved," said EU spokeswoman Maja Kocijancic. "Contacts continue in order to finalize a common understanding of the implementation arrangement. The Schmid-Araghchi meeting in Geneva is part of these contacts." In Tehran, Foreign Minis-

It is the fourth time groups of European parliamentarians have visited since Iran's new president, moderate Hassan Rouhani, took office in August. Rouhani has vowed a softer approach toward the West. The British Embassy in Tehran was closed in late 2011 after hardliners overran the

## Haiti, Dominican Republic meet to discuss disputes

TRENTON DANIEL

Associated Press

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— Haitian and Dominican officials were meeting Tuesday to discuss differences that may include a widely debated court ruling that could strip the citizenship of children born to immigrants in the Dominican Republic.

Haiti's Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe and several members of his cabinet met with Dominican officials in the northern Haitian border town of Ouanaminthe to discuss issues including commerce, migration and security. The neighboring countries share the Caribbean island of Hispaniola.

Lamothe and Gustavo Montalvo, the Dominican president's chief of staff, greeted each other and posed for journalists, the cordial encounter at an industrial park played live on national television. Neither took questions from reporters. But the meeting's main focus, according to Haitian officials, is a September court ruling that threatens to revoke citizenship from people living in the Dominican Republic who are mostly of Haitian descent. They could be sent to Haiti even though they weren't born there.

Dominican authorities said last week that they only planned to discuss trade, the environment and security, and not the court ruling, which has been condemned by the United Nations, Caribbean leaders and human rights groups. The decision from the Dominican Republic's Constitutional Court states that people born in the country after 1929 to foreigners living illegally in the country are not automatically granted citizenship.

Human rights groups have decried the plan and the ruling, saying that an estimated 200,000 people could lose their citizenship, the majority of them of Haitian descent. The government maintains that only some 24,000 would be affected. □



Britain's former Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, center, and an unidentified colleague open water bottles, as another British delegate takes picture, at the start of their meeting with a group of Iranian parliamentarians, at the Iranian parliament in Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014. A British Parliament delegation Tuesday arrived in Tehran, the first visit by U.K. lawmakers to Iran in years, the official IRNA news agency reported. IRNA, said Tuesday that the four-member delegation is headed by Straw, who last visited Iran in 2003 as Britain's top diplomat.

(AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

nuclear program.

The four-member delegation was headed by former Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, who last visited Iran in 2003 as Britain's top diplomat, Iran's official news agency IRNA reported. Semi-official ISNA news agency reported that Straw told his Iranian counterparts he is "optimistic" that a November deal between Iran and world powers over the nuclear

the interim deal.

European Union and Iranian officials will meet again this week to try to finalize details on the implementation.

EU negotiator Helga Schmid will hold talks in Geneva with Iran's deputy foreign minister Abbas Araghchi, an EU spokeswoman said Tuesday in Brussels.

Negotiators last met Dec. 30. "Progress was made,

try Spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said: "We hope that a couple of remaining issues, not yet agreed upon during the expert level nuclear talks, could be finally resolved during the talks.

"Separately, visiting German lawmaker Andreas Schockenhoff, a member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrat party, also met Iranian counterparts in Tehran

building. Iran's embassy was also closed in London but relations have improved in recent months.

Both Britain and Germany and other members of the UN Security Council are at odds with Iran, and suspect the country seeks a nuclear bomb.

Tehran denies charges it is seeking nuclear weapon, insisting its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only. □

## Syrian opposition undecided on Geneva peace talks

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Associated Press

**ISTANBUL (AP)**

— Members of the main Western-backed Syrian opposition group say they have postponed a vote on whether or not to attend a peace conference in Switzerland

this month.

The Syrian National Coalition had been expected to decide Tuesday whether or not to attend the so-called Geneva peace conference, which is to open Jan. 22 in Montreux, Switzerland. But coalition officials say

that amid sharp disagreement over the issue, the vote was postponed until at least the middle of next week.

That would be less than a week before the conference. The postponement of a vote whose outcome

is uncertain adds to doubts about the conference whose prospects already look shaky.

Hadi Al Bahra, a member of the coalition's political committee, said the vote could happen as early as the Jan. 15. □





Shezanne Cassim of Woodbury, Minn., is seen in this undated photo. Shezanne, arrested in April and held in the United Arab Emirates for roughly nine months after posting a parody video online about youth culture in Dubai, is expected to be released. A State Department spokeswoman said Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 that Cassim has been moved to a deportation facility for processing.

(AP Photo)

## American held in UAE for video to be released: US Govewrnment

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**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — An American who's been held in the United Arab Emirates for nine months in connection with a satirical online video about youth culture in Dubai was expected to be released soon, the U.S. State Department said Tuesday.

Shezanne Cassim, 29, was arrested in April, six months after he and others uploaded their spoof documentary to the Internet. The video is about would-be "gangsta" youth in the Gulf Arab city-state.

The United Arab Emirates-owned daily, The National, has said Cassim and his co-defendants were accused of defaming the country's image abroad. Cassim's supporters said he was charged under a 2012 cyber-crimes law that tightened penalties for challenging authorities.

In December, Cassim was sentenced to one year in prison, a fine and deportation.

Pooja Jhunjunwala, a State Department spokeswoman, said Tuesday that Cassim has been moved to a deportation facility for processing.

"We understand processing will take a few days at which point he will be returning to the United States," she said in an email to The Associated Press.

"The protection of U.S. citizens overseas is one of the Department of State's highest priorities," Jhunjunwala said. "We continue to work closely with the UAE authorities to ensure his quick release."

Rori Donaghy, director of the London-based Emirates Center for Human Rights, said Cassim's pending release is not surprising. Although it is not codified in Emirati law, Donaghy said, it is customary for defendants who have demonstrated good behavior to be released after serving three-fourths of their sentence. Donaghy said Cassim and his friends never should have been imprisoned, and that authorities have continued to use the cybercrimes law to restrict free speech.

Cassim, a U.S. citizen, was born in Sri Lanka and moved to Dubai for work after graduating from the University of Minnesota in 2006. He became the public face of the defendants after his family launched an effort to publicize his months-long incarceration.

Seven others were convicted with him in December. Gulf Arab authorities have been cracking down on social media use over the past two years, with dozens of people arrested across the region for Twitter posts deemed offensive to leaders or for social media campaigns urging more political openness. □

# Disability Scam Alleged In NYC

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Scores of those charged, including a number of the 72 retired officers and eight firefighters, were arrested early Tuesday and were scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in state Supreme Court in Manhattan before Acting Justice Daniel Fitzgerald.

"It's a particularly cynical part of the charged scheme that approxi-

dio. Yet he still applied for disability from the Social Security Administration, saying he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Another former officer, Glenn Lieberman, told government doctors he had panic attacks because of his experiences immediately following the terrorist attacks, and could not go outside.

Nonetheless, his Facebook

many of the other defendants - were charged with first- and second-degree grand larceny and attempted second-degree grand larceny.

The other 102 people charged in the case, who all received Social Security Disability Insurance payments based on what the indictment alleges were false claims, were charged with second-degree grand larceny and second-de-



**Handcuffed defendants are walked into court before being charged with first- and second-degree grand larceny, in New York, Jan. 7, 2014. Eighty retired New York City police officers and firefighters were charged on Tuesday in one of the largest Social Security disability frauds ever, a decades-long scheme that cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, according to court papers.**

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

mately half the defendants falsely claimed that their psychiatric disabilities were caused by the 9/11 attacks," Vance said at a news conference Tuesday. "This fraud not only forced taxpayers to finance the lifestyles of New York scammers but it also takes away from the already limited resources we have for people who actually suffer from psychiatric disabilities, and that includes of course the brave first responders who ran toward the fires on Sept. 11."

Vance said one of the defendants, Louis Hurtado, had retired from the Police Department with a disability pension after suffering a neck injury, and then opened a martial arts stu-

page revealed a picture of himself online cavorting on a personal watercraft.

"The brazenness was amazing," Vance said. The indictment accuses the four men it identifies as the scheme's organizers of directing hundreds of applicants to the Social Security disability insurance program to lie about their psychiatric conditions and feign certain symptoms in order to obtain benefits to which they were not entitled.

Those men - the lawyer, Raymond Lavalley; the pension consultant, Thomas Hale; the detectives' union official, John Minerva; and Joseph Esposito, 64, a retired New York police officer who recruited

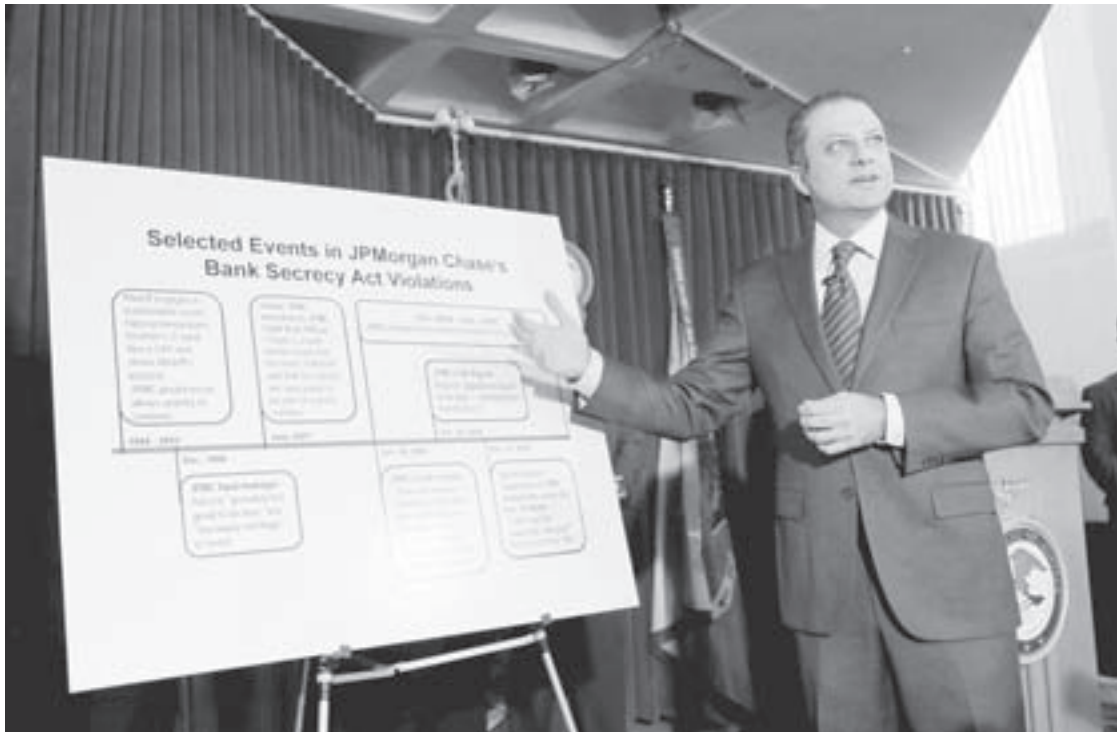
gree attempted grand larceny.

Vance announced the charges at the news conference with officials from the U.S. Social Security Administration's inspector general's office, the Secret Service and Police Commissioner William J. Bratton. Most of those charged were expected to be arrested in the New York City area, but many live in other parts of the country, according to a person briefed on the matter.

Joseph Conway, a lawyer for Hale, said he and the lawyers representing Esposito and Lavalley, Brian Griffin and Raymond Perini, respectively, would not comment until after the arraignments. □



# JPMorgan to pay over \$2.5 billion in Madoff fraud



Preet Bharara, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announces a settlement with JPMorgan Chase, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014 in New York. JPMorgan Chase & Co., already beset by other costly legal woes, has agreed to pay \$1.7 billion to settle criminal charges that it ignored obvious warning signs of Bernard Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, Bharara said Tuesday. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

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Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — JPMorgan Chase & Co., already beset by costly legal woes, will pay more than \$2.5 billion for ignoring obvious warning signs of Bernard Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme, authorities said Tuesday. The nation's largest bank will forfeit a record \$1.7 billion to settle criminal charges, plus pay an additional \$543 million to settle civil claims by victims. It also will pay a \$350 million civil penalty for what the Treasury Department called "critical and widespread deficiencies" in its programs to prevent money laundering and other suspicious activity. The bank failed to carry out its legal obligations while Madoff "built his massive house of cards," George Venizelos, head of the FBI's New York office, said at a news conference.

"It took until after the arrest of Madoff, one of the worst crooks this office has ever seen, for JPMorgan to alert authorities to what the world already knew," he said. Madoff banked at JPMorgan through what court papers referred to as the "703 account." In 2008, the bank's London desk circulated a memo describing JPMorgan's inability to validate his trading activity or custody of assets and his "odd choice" of a

one-man accounting firm, the government said.

In late October 2008, it filed a suspicious activity report with British officials. In the weeks that followed, JPMorgan withdrew about \$300 million of its own money from Madoff feeder funds. The fraud was revealed when Madoff was arrested in December 2008.

"Despite all these alarm bells, JPMorgan never closed or even seriously questioned Madoff's Ponzi-enabling 703 account," said U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. "On the other hand, when it came to its own money, JPMorgan knew how to connect the dots and take action to protect itself against risk." Prosecutors called the \$1.7 billion the largest forfeiture by a U.S. bank and the largest Department of Justice penalty for a Bank Secrecy Act violation.

The settlement includes a so-called deferred prosecution agreement that requires the bank to acknowledge failures in its protections against money laundering but also allows it to avoid criminal charges. No individual executives were accused of wrongdoing.

The agreement resolves two felony violations of the Bank Secrecy Act in connection with the bank's relationship with Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, the private invest-

ment arm of Madoff's former business. The Treasury Department's civil penalty was assessed because the bank failed to pass along to U.S. authorities suspicions about Madoff it had reported to Britain's Serious Organised Crime Agency, and because the bank failed to detect and report other cases of suspicious activity, including more than \$2 billion in transactions involving the Puerto Rican affiliate of an unidentified Venezuelan bank, authorities said. Under the agreement, criminal charges will be deferred for two years as JPMorgan admits to its conduct, pays the \$1.7 billion a fund established for victims of Madoff's fraud and reforms its anti-money laundering policies, prosecutors said. □

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A home is advertised for sale in Matthews, N.C. U.S. home prices barely rose in November from the previous month and year-over-year gains slowed, reflecting declines in sales in the fall, according to a report from real estate data provider CoreLogic, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014.

(AP Photo/Chuck Burton)

## US Financial Front: November American home prices rise 0.1%

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. home prices barely rose in November from the previous month and year-over-year gains slowed, reflecting declines in sales in the fall. Real estate data provider CoreLogic said Tuesday that prices increased just 0.1 percent in November from October. That's down slightly from October and far below August's 0.9 percent gain.

The figures aren't adjusted for seasonal patterns, such as cold winter weather that typically slows sales. Home prices have risen a healthy 11.8 percent from a year ago, CoreLogic said. But that's the smallest yearly gain since March. Rising home prices and higher mortgage rates held back sales at the end of last year. Existing home sales fell from September through November. But overall, 2013 represent-

ed the best year for housing since the financial crisis. Once December's figures are released, home prices will likely have risen 11.5 percent last year, according to Mark Fleming, CoreLogic's chief economist. That would be the biggest gain since 2005.

And sales of existing homes should reach 5.1 million in 2013, the National Association of Realtors forecasts. That would be up 10 percent from the previous year and the most since 2006. It's still below the 5.5 million generally associated with healthy housing markets. Most economists expect sales and prices to keep rising this year, but at a slower pace. They forecast sales and prices will likely rise around 5 percent, down from double-digit gains in 2013.

A measure of signed contracts suggests sales are already starting to level off. The Realtors' group said

last week that its index of pending home sales ticked up slightly in November after falling for five straight months.

Economists blame higher mortgage rates for dragging down sales. The average rate on a 30-year mortgage rose last week to 4.53 percent from 4.48 percent the previous week, the third straight gain.

Rates jumped about 1.25 percentage points from May through September, peaking at 4.6 percent. That increase occurred after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke indicated that the Fed would start to slow its bond-buying program before the end of the year. The purchases are intended to lower long-term interest rates and spur more borrowing and spending.

At its December meeting, the Fed said it would cut its \$85 billion monthly purchases in January by \$10 billion a month. □

## U.S. November trade gap declines to \$34.3B billion: lowest level in four years

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. trade deficit fell in November to its lowest level in four years, an encouraging sign that economic growth in the final three months of the year was stronger than analysts had forecast.

Gains in energy production and stronger sales of American-made airplanes, autos and machinery lifted exports to an all-time high.

The trade gap dropped 12.9 percent in November to \$34.3 billion, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. That's the lowest monthly trade deficit since October 2009.

Exports rose 0.9 percent to a record \$194.9 billion. The gain was aided by a 5.6 percent rise in petroleum exports.

Imports dropped 1.4 percent to \$229.1 billion. A decrease in demand for foreign oil offset a record level of imported autos.

A smaller trade deficit can boost economic growth. It typically shows that American companies are earning more from sales overseas, while U.S. consumers are buying fewer products from foreign companies. Economists raised their growth forecasts for the October-December quarter after seeing the November trade report.

Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, noted that the trade gap declined in both October and November. She is currently forecasting growth at an annual rate of 2.4 percent. But after the trade report she said growth could end up being stronger.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said growth could be 3 percent or higher. Through 11 months of 2013, the trade deficit is 12.3 percent lower than the same period in 2012. Exports have strengthened, while imports are slightly lower.

A domestic energy boom has boosted exports and lessened America's dependence on foreign oil. U.S. petroleum exports were up 10.8 percent through the first 11 months of 2013 compared with the same period in 2012. In that same period, petroleum imports have fallen 11.5 percent.

The drop in oil imports has been helped by lower global prices. After peaking at \$102 per barrel in September, the average price of a barrel of imported crude oil has fallen and averaged \$94.69 a barrel in November. Analysts are predicting the price of imported oil will decline further, noting ample supplies and a strengthening dollar.

The U.S. deficit with China fell 6.7 percent in November from October to \$26.9 billion. U.S. exports to China hit a record. The U.S. deficit with China, the largest with any country, is still on track to set another record this year. □



# Iraqi government airstrike kills 25 al-Qaida-linked militants

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**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A government airstrike killed 25 al-Qaida-linked militants in a besieged province west of Baghdad amid fierce clashes Tuesday between Iraqi special forces and insurgents battling for control of the key cities of Fallujah and Ramadi, Iraqi officials said.

The al-Qaida gains in the Sunni-dominated province of Anbar — once bloody battlegrounds for U.S. troops — pose the most serious challenge to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-led government since the departure of American forces in late 2011.

Iraqi forces and fighters from government-allied Sunni tribes have been battling militants to try to recapture the strategic territory, seized last week by an al-Qaida-linked group known as the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

Iraqi military spokesman Gen. Mohammed al-Askari

said the Iraqi air force struck an operations center for the militants on the outskirts of Ramadi, the provincial capital, killing 25 fighters who were holed up inside.

He didn't give more details about how the death toll was confirmed but cited intelligence reports. It was not possible to independently verify the military's claim.

The airstrike came after clashes erupted about 12 miles (20 kilometers) west of Fallujah following the capture of an army officer and four soldiers in the area a day earlier, provincial spokesman Dhari al-Rishawi told The Associated Press.

There was no immediate word on casualties for those clashes.

Al-Maliki's government has vowed to rout the militants, calling on Fallujah residents Monday to expel the al-Qaida fighters to avoid an all-out battle.

Iraq's Cabinet met Tues-



Gunmen gather in a street as they chant slogans against Iraq's Shiite-led government and demanding that the Iraqi army not try to enter the city in Fallujah, 40 miles (65 kilometers) west of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014. Fierce clashes erupted Tuesday between Iraqi special forces and al-Qaida-linked militants outside the city of Fallujah, a flare-up in a days-long standoff in the Sunni-dominated western province of Anbar, Iraqi officials said.

(AP Photo)

day to discuss the situation in Anbar and called for the mobilization of all efforts "to support the army and security services in expelling terrorists," according to a government statement. Military operations would continue, the Cabinet statement added, until Iraq is "cleansed" of terrorism. In Washington, the Army

general who led U.S. forces through some of the deadliest years of the Iraq war said he opposes sending U.S. combat troops in response to the recent gains by militants in Anbar province. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno said he was disappointed by the Iraqi government's loss of control of strategic terri-

tory, but the U.S. approach now should be to remain engaged diplomatically to help Iraqi government leaders get their political system back on track. Residents of Fallujah have been streaming out of the city, 40 miles west of Baghdad, fearing an impending assault, according to witnesses. □

## Another worryingly low inflation rate for the European Union

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**PARIS** - Consumer prices in the eurozone barely increased last month, raising fears of deflation and putting pressure on the European Central Bank to take further action.

Inflation in the 17 European Union member states that were using the euro in 2013 rose in December at an annual rate of only 0.8 percent, Eurostat, the EU statistical agency, reported Tuesday in a first estimate that will be subject to revision in the weeks

ahead. The December figure, which did not include Latvia since it adopted the euro Jan. 1, was slightly lower than the 0.9 percent annual inflation rate for November. The European Central Bank seeks to keep price growth steady at about 2 percent. The situation now, in which the rate of inflation is falling, is known as disinflation. If the situation continues in this direction, Europe could face outright deflation - a debilitating economic condition in which prices actually decline across the board. □

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## First round of chemical weapons taken out of Syria

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 MIKE CORDER  
 Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — The first batch of the most dangerous chemicals in Syria's arsenal was loaded onto a Danish ship and taken out of the country Tuesday under tight security, an important milestone in the international operation to rid President Bashar Assad of the weapons by midyear. The operation at Syria's port of Latakia took place against the backdrop of a widening civil war and escalating infighting between a chaotic mix of Syrian rebel brigades and an al-Qaida linked militant group, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. With the rebel-on-rebel fighting now in its fifth day, the shadowy leader of another faction affiliated with al-Qaida pleaded with his comrades to stop the spreading clashes, warning it threatened to upend gains made against Syrian government forces. The chemicals were supposed to have been removed from Syria by Dec. 31, but poor security, bad weather and other factors

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meant the deadline was missed by a week.

The raw materials — precursor chemicals for poison gas — were moved to the government-held port of Latakia from two sites in Syria and loaded onto the Danish cargo ship, which then set sail, said Sigrid Kaag, the Dutch diplomat coordinating the joint mission by the U.N. and Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

"The vessel has now left the port of Latakia for international waters," Kaag said in a statement. "It will remain at sea awaiting the arrival of additional priority chemical materials at the port." Security for the highly toxic cargo is being provided by warships from Russia, China, Denmark and Norway. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the progress.

The chemicals removed Tuesday will eventually be transferred to a U.S. ship, the Cape Ray, which has been fitted with special machinery. Once aboard the American vessel, the materials will be placed in a titanium reactor that uses heated water and



Syrian Information Minister Omran al-Zoubi speaks during a press conference in Damascus, Syria on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014. The first batch of the most dangerous chemicals in Syria's arsenal was loaded onto a Danish ship and taken out of the country Tuesday under tight security. (AP Photo)

other chemicals to render the weapons inert.

The confirmed use of chemical weapons in the Damascus suburb of Ghouta on Aug. 21, killed hundreds of people, according to the U.S. government. The U.S. and Russia — a staunch ally of Syria — later reached agreement to eliminate the Assad regime's chemical weapons

by mid-2014 in a deal that averted U.S. military strikes against Syria.

The infighting between rebel groups is concentrated in parts of northern Syria, spreading Monday to the northeastern city of Raqqa, a bastion of the al-Qaida-linked Islamic State

of Iraq and the Levant.

The group has alienated its opposition rivals, including the extremist Jabhat al-Nusra, for its extremely brutal tactics, including the kidnapping and killing of opponents, journalists and anti-government activists who criticize its practices. □

### Spain:

## Princess charged with tax fraud

DOREEN CARVAJAL  
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**PARIS** - In a deepening scandal for the Spanish royal family, the youngest daughter of King Juan Carlos was charged Tuesday with money laundering and tax fraud by a judge who ruled there was evidence she had committed crimes.

Princess Cristina, 48, was summoned to appear in court on March 8 as part of a 200-page ruling from José Castro, an examining magistrate from Palma de Mallorca.

The charges are part of the investigation of a corruption scandal that has also ensnared the princess'

husband, Iñaki Urdangarin, a businessman and former Olympic handball athlete, who is also fighting charges of fraud, tax evasion, and embezzlement of 6 million euros (about \$8 million) in government money though his nonprofit foundation that organized sports conferences.

The princess and Urdangarin have publicly denied the charges, but the case has undermined the royal family, with a new poll by Sigma Dos showing that a broad majority of Spaniards believe the monarchy has mishandled the case and that 62 percent support the abdication of the aging king. □

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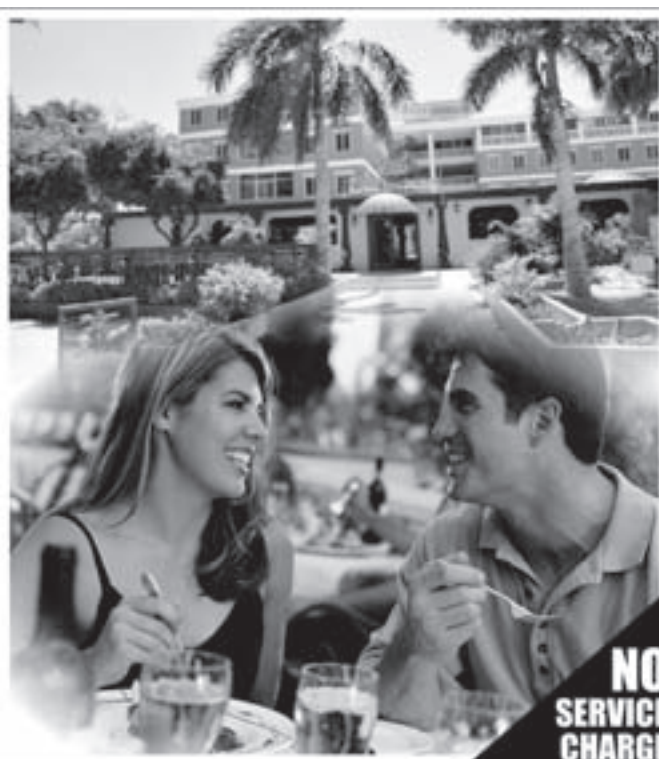
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# Captive Goodyear bosses freed at French plant

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

AMIENS, France (AP) —

Two Goodyear managers held captive by angry French workers were freed Tuesday after police intervened, ending a two-day standoff over the factory's bleak future.

The release outraged union members, who made a bonfire of tires in front of the plant. It also left unresolved the larger problems that have dogged the factory in Amiens in northern France, which Goodyear has tried to sell or shutter for over five years.

Union leaders said Tuesday that workers would occupy the factory complex until managers negotiate with them over severance pay. The plant has become an emblem of France's labor tensions. Workers, having failed so far to save their jobs, seized the plant's director and human resources chief on Monday morning to demand bigger severance packages.

"Boss-napping" has happened sporadically in France in the past, but police generally don't intervene in such incidents, to avoid inflaming tensions while mediators try to settle the labor dispute.

The Amiens plant has seen violent protests in recent years, so a judge autho-

rized police intervention.

A dozen police officers arrived at the plant Tuesday afternoon, and two went inside the facility. Min-



Goodyear's human resources chief, Bernard Glesser, center, and the firm's production manager Michel Dheilly, center right, leave the Goodyear plant in Amiens, northern France, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

utes later, the two bosses walked out and got in an unmarked police car.

They did not speak to reporters.

Angry and cursing, Mickael Wamen of the CGT union said afterward: "We were told very clearly ... that if we didn't free these two people that dozens and dozens of riot police trucks would be coming from Paris, would go inside, a riot would break out and they would whack us all and we'd all end up in prison."

"We are already losing our jobs, on top of that to end up in prison ..." he continued.

Soon afterward, union rep-

resentatives spray-painted the word "bad" over the letters "good" in Goodyear on the sign leading into the factory.

With the two men freed Tuesday night, labor leaders turned to one of the few last protest options: occupying the site. Franck Jurek, another CGT representative, said scores of workers planned to remain on site until managers agree to hold negotiations over severance pay. "There are tables and

chairs and you know, we play cards, some poker and that's it!" He said two local government officials told union leaders that the release of the bosses would pave the way for such negotiations. Goodyear said in a statement that it was relieved the managers had been released.

"While everyone can legitimately rejoice in the ending of these events, the security concern remains: the factory is still, at this hour, occupied by a minority of the employees," it said. Boss-napping reached a peak during the global financial crisis in 2009. Sylvain Niel, a labor lawyer who has worked on similar issues, said boss-napping has been less frequent since then because anything management agreed to under pressure was later voided in courts. "It's a reaction of despair," Niel said. "They have no room to maneuver in the closing of the factory." Boss-nappings typically have lasted from a few hours to a couple of days. They are punishable under French law by five years in prison and a 75,000-euro (\$102,000) fine, if the boss goes free in under a week. Usually, however, the workers are not prosecuted. The Amiens plant has an es-

pecially contentious past. Goodyear's attempts to close it have been stalled by violent protests and France's prolonged layoff procedures. Throughout the dispute, the plant has continued to make tires, although at very low levels. □

## Panama Canal authority proposes end to dispute

PANAMA CITY (AP) — The Panama Canal Authority said Tuesday that it wants to end a standoff over the expansion of the canal by splitting construction costs with the international consortium that was threatening to halt work unless the authority came up with \$1.6 billion in extra funding. The authority said Tuesday that it would pay \$183 million and Grupo Unidos por el Canal would put in \$100 million to continue work for at least two more months while a long-term solution is negotiated. The Spanish-led consortium would have to withdraw its threat to halt work on the canal by Jan.

20. The consortium, which has said it has run out of cash to fund construction, offered no immediate response to the authority's offer.

The consortium is formed by Spain's Sacyr Vallehermoso, Impregilo of Italy, Jan De Nul of Belgium and Constructora Urbana SA of Panama. It says unexpected problems with the quality of material supposed to be used to make cement spawned massive overruns, and blamed the canal authority for carrying out insufficient geological studies before work began.

"They haven't accept the proposal or rejected it," ca-

nal administrator Jorge Luis Quijano said after meeting with consortium representatives. "At least we're talking and on their part there's a will to follow through with this." Tuesday's meeting was the first between the authority and the consortium. The authority met Monday with Spain's public works minister, who said the consortium wanted to work out the dispute within the terms of its contract with the canal administrator. The claimed cost overrun is roughly half of Grupo Unidos por el Canal's original \$3.2 billion bid to build a third set of locks. Each side has said the other is

responsible for the added costs. The canal authority claimed the business consortium was unjustly trying to force it to pay by threatening to halt work.

Panama has estimated the full expansion program will cost \$5.2 billion, with the new, wider locks allowing the 50-mile (80-kilometer) canal to handle ships far larger than those that can now navigate the century-old waterway.

Officials have most recently said the work should be finished by June 2015. Officials say the overall expansion work is 72 percent finished, with the locks themselves at 65 percent. □

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## Ex-Miss Venezuela, husband slain in robbery

**JORGE RUEDA**  
**Associated Press**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— A former Miss Venezuela and her ex-husband were shot and killed and their 5-year-old daughter was wounded after they resisted robbers by locking the doors of their broken-down car, police said Tuesday.

The slaying of Monica Spear, 29, a popular soap opera actress, and Thomas Berry, a 39-year-old Irishman, was the latest high-profile crime in a country where people are regularly killed in armed robberies and where rampant kidnapping has ensnared even foreign ambassadors and professional baseball players.

Spear and Berry were slain Monday late night near Puerto Cabello, the country's main port, while headed to Caracas after their

car hit "a sharp object that had been placed on the highway," the director of the country's investigative police, Jose Gregorio Sierralta, told reporters.

He said the attack oc-

curred after the car had been lifted onto a tow truck and, seeing the assailants coming, the family locked themselves in their car.

Sierralta said the couple's daughter was treated for

a light leg wound and was with relatives in Caracas. He said police in Puerto Cabello had arrested five suspects, some under age 18.

Local media reports said the pair had a good relationship despite being divorced and identified Berry as the owner of a travel agency.

Venezuela has one of the world's highest murder rates and violent crime is so rampant that Venezuelans tend to stay home after dark. Spear's death triggered a wave of anger on social media directed at the populist government's poor record on crime.

President Nicolas Maduro commented on her death in remarks carried live by state TV, lamenting "the loss of a very spiritual young woman" actively involved in various charities. □



**This May 23, 2005 file photo released by Miss Universe shows Monica Spear, Miss Venezuela 2005, posing in Bangkok, Thailand. Venezuelan authorities say the soap-opera actress and former Miss Venezuela and her husband were shot and killed resisting a robbery after their car broke down.**

(AP Photo/Darren Decker)

## Over 350 across Japan sickened by bad frozen food

**TOKYO (AP)** — More than 350 people have been sickened across Japan after eating frozen food products that may have been tainted with a pesticide, Japanese public broadcaster NHK reported Tuesday.

Food maker Maruha Nichiro Holdings began recalling 6.4 million packages of various frozen foods on Dec. 29, saying it found some were tainted by high levels of pesticides. The company has received hundreds of thousands of calls about the problem.

NHK said information from local governments showed 356 people suffered vomiting, diarrhea and other problems after eating items subject to the recall, which include a wide range of products such as frozen pizzas, croquettes and lasagna.

It was unclear, however, if consumption of the tainted products was directly responsible for the illnesses, NHK said.

Maruha Nichiro says it has retrieved about 1.1 million packages subject to the recall so far. Last week, it issued a formal apology and appealed to consumers not to eat any of the affected products.

Police are investigating how the items were contaminated with the pesticide malathion, reportedly by up to 2.6 million times the allowable limit.

Malathion is a pesticide used in farming and gardening and also to kill fleas on animals and people. At high enough concentrations, it can cause death, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

There have been no reports of life-threatening illnesses from Maruha's products, but the contamination has further shaken public confidence undermined by various food quality scandals. Late last year a slew of top-notch hotels and department stores apologized after it was found that some of the items they were selling were actually cheaper substitutes. □

## Turkey: Hundreds of police officers are reassigned

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**DAN BILEFSKY**

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PARIS - About 350 police officers in Ankara, the Turkish capital, were removed

from their posts overnight, Turkish news outlets reported Tuesday, the largest single purge of the police force since a corruption investigation plunged the

government into crisis last month.

The dismissals were seen by analysts in Turkey as part of a continuing effort by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government to marginalize those it believes are driving the investigation. The government has already dismissed more than a dozen high-ranking police officials, prompting accusations of interference in the judicial process.

The reshuffle affected at least 80 directors and other senior officers in the intelligence, organized crime, fiscal crime and cyber-crime units of Ankara's police force.

Among those reassigned was Mahmut Azmaz, who led the anti-riot police division that critics accused of using excessive force during anti-government protests in June.

The removed officers were reassigned to traffic police departments and district police stations, and about 250 replacement officers, mostly from outside Ankara, have been appointed to take their place, the broadcaster NTV reported. The corruption inquiry, which came to light in De-

cember and has resulted in the resignation of three ministers and a Cabinet reshuffle, has targeted ministers' sons, municipal workers and a major construction tycoon with links to Erdogan. At the center of the inquiry are allegations that officials bent zoning rules in return for bribes.

The investigation, the subject of daily reports in Turkish newspapers, has captured the public imagination in a country fascinated by real or imagined conspiracies. Turks have been riveted by lurid details and murky clues, like photographs of piles of cash in the bedroom of one minister's home and reports that the chief executive of a state-owned bank had \$4.5 million in cash stored in shoe boxes.

Erdogan's government has condemned the inquiry as a politically motivated plot against his government by a "criminal gang" within the state, and Erdogan has warned that those seeking to ensnare him will fail.

The investigation has been attributed by government allies, fairly or not, to Fethullah Gulen, a reclusive and powerful Muslim preacher who lives in Pennsylvania. □



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# HK movie mogul Run Run Shaw has died at age 107

**KELVIN K. CHAN**

**Associated Press**

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Pioneering Hong Kong movie producer Run Run Shaw, whose studio popularized the kung fu genre that influenced Quentin Tarantino and other Hollywood directors, died Tuesday.

Shaw died peacefully at age 107, according to a statement from Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB), which he helped found in 1967. No cause of death was given.

His Shaw Brothers Studios, once among the world's largest, helped launch the careers of powerhouses including director John Woo and churned out nearly 1,000 movies. He also produced a handful of U.S. films, including 1982 sci-fi classic "Blade Runner" and 1979 disaster thriller "Meteor."

His television empire, which remains a dominant force in Hong Kong, nurtured actors that later rose to fame, such as Chow Yun-fat. Wong Kar-wai, the director behind critically acclaimed art-house movies like "Chungking Express" and "In the Mood for Love," got his start through a TVB training course and worked at the station briefly as a production assistant. Ironically, one actor who slipped through Shaw's grasp, Bruce Lee, went on to become the world's big-

gest kung fu star.

Shaw (pronounced Shao in Mandarin) led TVB until retiring as chairman in December 2011 at the age of 104. He is survived by his second wife and four children from his first marriage. Shaw was born near Shanghai to a wealthy textile merchant. His exact birthdate is unclear, and different Shaw-related websites say he was born in 1906 or 1907.

One of his six siblings, elder brother Runme Shaw, set up a silent film studio, Unique Film Production Co. Shaw and a third brother, Runje, went to Singapore in 1923 to market films to southeast Asia's Chinese community and eventually opened 139 movie theatres across the region.

After surviving World War II, the company was faced with growing competition from rivals in Hong Kong and Singapore, so Shaw moved to Hong Kong in the late 1950s to modernize the company. He shifted focus from exhibiting films to producing them and renamed the company Shaw Brothers.

His path to Asian movie-making dominance began in earnest in 1961 when he opened Movie Town, a vast, state-of-the-art studio in Hong Kong's rural Clearwater Bay. With 1,500 staff working on 10 soundstages, Movie Town



In this Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010 photo, Hong Kong movie producer Run Run Shaw poses for a photograph during the Run Run Shaw prize presentation ceremony in Hong Kong.

**Associated Press**

was reputed to be the most productive studio in the world. At its busiest, actors and directors churned out 40 movies a year, most of them featuring kung fu, sword fighting or Asian gangsters known as triads. The result was a library of nearly 1,000 movies such as "The One Armed Swordsman" and "The Five Fingers of Death," the latter being one of Shaw's most successful in the United States. The studio's logo - the initials SB on a shield - was inspired by the Warner Brothers emblem, in a nod to its Hollywood aspirations. It

came full circle when Tarantino appropriated the Shaw Brothers logo for use in his two "Kill Bill" movies, which were in homage to the studio and other Hong Kong martial arts movies.

"For a year, I'd watch one old Shaw Brothers movie a day - if not three," Tarantino told the Los Angeles Daily News in 2003, discussing his preparation for filming.

Films were produced with assembly-line methods and stars and technical staff lived in dorms on site. Budgets were low and production schedules were quick

- 35 days to three months, according to a 1976 Time magazine report.

The producer acknowledged that the quality of the films was not his foremost concern. "We're here to make money," he told Time. Even Shaw protege Raymond Chow complained about the B-movie quality of the films when he was first hired to work in the publicity department.

"I told Sir Run Run to forget it," Chow told Asiaweek magazine in 1983. "I said I did not think I could keep my job because the pictures were so bad," said Chow, whose comments earned him a promotion to the production department. While Shaw didn't create the kung fu movie, he was quick to capitalize on the genre's trendiness and used a modernized studio system and centralized production techniques to pump out films quickly, beating out rivals to satisfy audience demands. In their heyday, Shaw films were reportedly seen by 1.5 million people a week, many of them in the cinemas owned by Shaw and his brothers in southeast Asia. The movie mogul failed to spot the potential of a young Bruce Lee, who had returned to Hong Kong after a stint in Hollywood. Lee wanted a bigger salary and creative control of his films. □



In this Oct. 2, 2003 photo provided by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, actress Carmen Zapata poses with honorary Hollywood mayor Johnny Grant, left, and chamber president Leron Gubler, right, as she receives her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

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**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Emmy-nominated actress Carmen Zapata, who started a foundation to

promote Hispanic writers because jobs were so scarce, has died of heart problems, colleagues say. She was 86.

Zapata died Sunday at her

## Actress Carmen Zapata dies after long career

Van Nuys-area home, said Luis Vela, marketing manager for the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts in Los Angeles.

Zapata started her career in 1945 in the Broadway musical "Oklahoma" and went on to perform in "Bells Are Ringing," "Guys and Dolls" and many plays.

"She was an inspiration for me," Vela said. "She taught me that art is the key to resolving differences in the community."

He said Zapata was once

asked how she wanted to be remembered — as an artist, producer or founder. "I prefer people remember us as educators," Vela recalled her saying.

Her movie credits included "Sister Act," "Gang Boys" and "Carola." She also appeared in dozens of television series, including nine seasons on the PBS bilingual children's show, "Villa Alegre." Zapata had continuing TV roles in "The Man and the City" and "The New Dick Van Dyke Show." She

sang in several other musicals, including "Bloomer Girl." "No Strings," "Show Boat," "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" and "Funny Girl." Born in New York City of Mexican-Argentinian descent, Zapata joined forces with Cuban-born actress, playwright and director Margarita Galban to found the Bilingual Foundation of the Arts in 1973.

The organization produces four plays a year that are presented at its 99-seat theater. □





## Acqua Condominium Aruba: The Essence of a Lifestyle

**PALM BEACH** – Acqua Condominium Aruba, a project spearheaded by Acqua Construction, on 325,278 sq. ft. of prime property land on Palm Beach announced recently that construction has been progressing at a satisfactory pace and that the sales gallery as well as the model-suite within the Sabbia Tower, are ready to welcome tours and inquiries, seven days a week.

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mented by a two-story shopping complex, facing the Palm Beach Plaza Mall, with commercial space for trendy restaurants and upscale shops.

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## Injured Lindsey Vonn skipping Sochi Olympics

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**AP Sports Writers**

Less than two weeks after reconstructive surgery on her right knee in February 2013, Lindsey Vonn already was sounding a positive note, saying she was "really looking forward to Sochi" and defending her Olympic downhill gold medal. Along the way to the next Winter Games, though, Vonn began facing setbacks. As she'd move past one, another would surface. In the end, it was too much, even for Vonn, the most accomplished U.S. ski racer in history. Expected to be one of the biggest stars at these Olympics, Vonn announced Tuesday — exactly one month before the opening ceremony — she won't be able to race in Russia.

In a Facebook posting, Vonn said she is "devastat-



In this Dec. 8, 2013 file photo, Lindsey Vonn races during the women's World Cup super-G skiing event at Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada.

Associated Press.

ed" to miss the Olympics, "but the reality has sunk in that my knee is just too unstable to compete at this level." Her personal publicist, Lewis Kay, said in a statement the 29-year-old from Vail, Colo., will have knee surgery again "shortly." Like many in her risk-filled sport, Vonn has dealt with injuries often, particularly at major events. She withdrew midway through the 2011 world championships because of a concussion. She raced with a severely bruised shin at the last Olympics. She skipped a race at the 2009 worlds after slicing her thumb open on a champagne bottle. She hurt her knee in training and missed a pair of races at the 2007 worlds. She took a scary fall during training at the 2006 Olympics, then left the hospital to compete.

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## Electric race car debuts on Las Vegas strip

**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — A new kind of race car is making its debut with cartoonishly loud revving, the smell of burning rubber, and not a trace of exhaust.

That's because the new FIA Formula E Championship car is all electric. The championship is the first series exclusively for electric cars. Organizers gave racing aficionados their first glimpse of the car in action Monday at a makeshift racetrack outside the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino on the Las Vegas strip. Brazilian driver Lucas di Grassi showed off the capabilities of the Spark-Renault SRT\_01E Formula E car, pulling off tight turns, breathtaking accelerations and sudden stops.



A new all-electric race car, the Spark-Renault SRT 01E Formula E, is taken on a demonstration drive by Brazilian Formula One driver Lucas di Grassi on the grounds of the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino in Las Vegas Monday, Jan. 6, 2013.

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The car, designed by Spark Racing Technologies, can reach more than 150 mph (240 kph). "We are a championship on a mission, and the mission is to have more electric cars on the streets all around the world," said Formula E CEO Alejandro Agag. "People love motorsport, but now they also care very much about the environment. So together, it's a great combination." The unveiling of the high-tech car was timed to coincide with the annual Consumer Electronics Show, a giant gadget expo that began in Las Vegas on Monday. The Formula E championship will comprise 10 races, beginning Sept. 13 in Beijing and ending in June 2015 in London. □



## NBA Capsules

## Johnson scores 23 as Nets win 3rd straight

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Joe Johnson broke out of a slump with 23 points against his former team as the Brooklyn Nets beat the Atlanta Hawks 91-86 on Monday for their third straight victory.

Mirza Teletovic scored 16 points and Alan Anderson added 14 starting in place of the injured Deron Williams as the Nets moved to 2-0 on a four-game homestand that finishes with visits from Golden State on Wednesday and Miami on Friday.

Despite yet another injury to a key player, the Nets look ready to test themselves against those powerful teams after matching their three consecutive victories from Dec. 7-12. Paul Millsap scored 16 points for the Hawks, who lost their third in a row to equal their worst stretch of the season.

**TIMBERWOLVES 126, 76ERS 95**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Kevin Love scored 16 of his 26 points in a dominant third quarter and Nikola Pekovic had 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Timberwolves to a win over the 76ers.

Kevin Martin scored 18 points and Corey Brewer had 15 to help the Timberwolves move back to .500 (17-17). Minnesota made 16 of 26 3-pointers. Thaddeus Young scored 20 points for the Sixers, who saw their four-game winning streak stopped. The Sixers had won the final four games of a six-game road trip.

The Timberwolves had seven players score in double figures.

**CLIPPERS 101, MAGIC 81**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Darren Collison scored 19 of his 21 points in the first half and had seven assists in his second start at point guard since Chris Paul's injury, leading the Clippers to a rout of the Magic.

Paul, who separated his right shoulder in Friday's



Philadelphia 76ers' Thaddeus Young, right, and Minnesota Timberwolves' Ricky Rubio, of Spain, chase down a loose ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, in Philadelphia.  
Associated Press

win at Dallas and is expected to be sidelined for at least six weeks, sat behind the Clippers' bench in a suit and tie while Collison orchestrated the Clippers' offense without a hitch against the last-place team in the Southeast Division.

The Clippers enjoyed one of their best defensive efforts of the season, after surrendering 70 first-half points in each of their previous two games against Dallas and San Antonio. Blake Griffin had 16 points, eight rebounds and six assists, and DeAndre Jordan added 17 rebounds and 14 points. □

## Cavs send Bynum to Bulls for Deng, picks

**CHICAGO (AP)** — The Cleveland Cavaliers traded Andrew Bynum in time — and got an All-Star in return.

The Cavaliers acquired Luol Deng from the Chicago Bulls late Monday night for Bynum and three future draft picks, beating the deadline to guarantee the center's full contract for the season.

Along with Bynum, who had recently been suspended indefinitely by the Cavaliers for conduct detrimental to the team, the Cavaliers also sent the Bulls a first-round pick and two second-round picks and gave Chicago the right to swap first-round choices in 2015 if the Cavs are not in the lottery.

Deng, a member of the 2012 British Olympic basketball team, has been an All-Star the last two seasons.

He will be a free agent after this season, and with the Bulls' championship aspirations gone following Derrick Rose's season-ending knee injury, there was no reason to hold onto him and risk losing him for nothing.

Deng is averaging a career-best 19 points this season and has been a member of the NBA's All-Defensive team. He's

also a former winner of the NBA's sportsmanship award, and his professionalism will be welcomed by the Cavaliers, who quickly ran out of patience with Bynum.

"Luol reflects all that we are striving for in building our team," Cavs general manager Chris Grant said. "He's a tremendous defensive player that can impact the game on both ends of the court with a team-first mentality and is a high character leader." Bynum signed a two-year, \$24 million contract with the Cavs in July, but only \$6 million of the \$12.5 million he was scheduled to earn this season was guaranteed if he was still on Cleveland's payroll by Jan. 7.

Now the Bulls can waive him and earn that salary relief to position themselves for the future.

"The moves made today will put us in a better position to make the entire roster stronger for the future and to compete for a championship," Bulls general manager Gar Forman said in a statement.

Bynum, who won two NBA championships with the Los Angeles Lakers, averaged 8.4 points in 24 games for the Cavaliers after sitting out all last



Chicago Bulls forward Luol Deng, left, shoots over Atlanta Hawks forward DeMarre Carroll during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Chicago on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014.  
Associated Press

season with Philadelphia because of knee surgery. The Cavs had reportedly been involved in talks with the Lakers for over

a week about a trade involving Bynum for Spanish star Pau Gasol, but the two sides could not come to an agreement. □



# Zach Johnson open new year with win in Hawaii

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP)** —

Zach Johnson is taking his place among the big boys in golf with two of the shortest clubs in his bag.

On a Plantation Course at Kapalua that should be paradise for the game's longest hitters, Johnson chipped in for his opening birdie and then hit four exquisite wedge shots on the back nine Monday to rally from two shots behind to win the Tournament of Champions.

"I just picked it apart," said Johnson, who shot a 66 and finished at 19-under 273.

That was pivotal on the back nine, where five players had a chance to win. Johnson ran off four birdies in a five-hole stretch, all of them with a wedge in his hand, none of the shots particularly easy. He wound up with a one-shot win over Jordan Spieth, the perfect way to start a new year.

Johnson didn't need any heroics this time, not like last month at the World Challenge in California when he holed a shot from the drop zone on the final hole and wound up beating Tiger Woods in a playoff.



**Zach Johnson holds the winning trophy after winning the Tournament of Champions golf tournament, Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, in Kapalua, Hawaii.**

**Associated Press**

Kapalua was mainly about chipping and putting, and Johnson is among the best. "Getting the ball in the fairway and giving my wedges a chance was crucial," he said. "It's about plotting my way, putting myself in a yardage spot that I know is

going to give me an opportunity."

Johnson, starting his 11th season on the U.S. PGA Tour, won for the 11th time in his career. Since his rookie season in 2004, only Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh have won more

on the tour.

It also was his third win in his last six starts, dating to the BMW Championship outside Chicago in September that qualified him for the winners-only event in Kapalua.

The 20-year-old Spieth birdied both par 5s on the front nine and looked as though he might become the youngest player with two PGA Tour wins since Ralph Guldahl in 1932.

He had a one-shot lead going midway through the final round but missed three good birdie chances in the soft, middle portion of the back nine before finishing with two birdies for a 70.

"I was very pleased with the finish, being able to birdie the last two holes and at least have somewhat of a chance on 18," said Spieth, who missed a 100-foot eagle putt just off the front of the green to force a playoff. "But ultimately, 14, 15, 16 really kind of hit me hard in the middle of the back nine." He made par on all of them, twice missing putts from about 6 feet.

Johnson caught Spieth for the lead with a wedge from 83 yards to about 2 feet for birdie on No. 12. He then laid back with a 3-wood

on the 14th hole and hit wedge to about 8 feet below the hole for birdie and the outright lead. Perhaps the most daunting shot came on the par-5 15th, up a steep slope to a green with a false front. The grain from the fairway and on the green was against him.

"If you just missed it a little bit, it's come back at you," he said. "I hit a great shot." He followed that with a wedge to 5 feet and a tough, downhill putt that broke sharply toward the ocean for his final birdie.

Webb Simpson, tied with Spieth and defending champion Dustin Johnson to start the final round, never caught up and closed with a 70. He tied for third with Kevin Streelman, who had a 67.

Jason Dufner was four strokes back in fifth after a 69. Dustin Johnson (73) and Australian Adam Scott (69) were another stroke back in a four-way tie for sixth.

Scott, the Masters champion, got within one shot of the lead with an eagle on the 15th hole, only for his wedge to hit the flag on the 16th. He had to settle for par on the hole, and then closed his round with a bogey. □



**Dallas Stars' Alex Chiasson (12) reacts as hats are thrown on the ice after New York Islanders center John Tavares (91) scored his third goal of the NHL hockey game in the third period on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, in Uniondale, N.Y. The Islanders won 7-3.**

**Associated Press**

**The Associated Press**

**UNIONDALE, New York (AP)** —

Islanders captain John Tavares scored a hat trick and added an assist to help propel New York to a 7-3 victory over the Dallas Stars in the NHL on Mon-

day.

Highly touted Islanders rookie center Ryan Strome scored the first goal of his NHL career.

With the Islanders on the power play in the second period trailing 2-0, Strome

## NHL Capsules

# Tavares' hat trick lifts Islanders over Stars 7-3

put a wrist shot past Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen — one of four Islanders goals in the period.

The Islanders went on to score six goals over a 24:38 span. Peter Regin, Brock Nelson, and Brian Strait also scored for New York.

Dallas built its lead on first-period goals by Jamie Benn and Erik Cole.

BLUE JACKETS 4, RANGERS 3, SO

NEW YORK — Sergei Bobrovsky made 40 saves through overtime and two more in the shootout in his first action in over a month, and Brandon Dubinsky had a goal and assist against his

former team in Columbus' victory over New York.

Bobrovsky stopped Mats Zuccarello and Rick Nash in the tiebreaker, and Mark Letestu and Ryan Johansen scored against Henrik Lundqvist to win it. Nash had tied it with his second power-play goal of the night, and ninth tally this season, at 6:55 of the third period as David Savard served a penalty for delay of game. Defenseman James Wisniewski also had a goal and assist, and Cam Atkinson scored on a second-period breakaway to help the Blue Jackets win for the second time in five games.

Brian Boyle cut the deficit to 3-2 at 4:53 of the third, and Lundqvist made 36 saves through overtime for New York, which had won three of four on the road before returning home.

FLAMES 4, AVALANCHE 3  
DENVER (AP) — Jiri Hudler and Joe Colborne had a goal and assist each, and Mike Cammalleri scored a power-play goal at 16:30 of the third period to lift Calgary over Colorado.

Sean Monahan also scored and Karri Ramo stopped 22 shots for the Flames, who broke out of an offensive slump to end a four-game skid. □



# Winston leads top-ranked Florida State over Auburn

By RALPH D. RUSSO

**AP College Football Writer PASADENA, Calif. (AP)** -- After a regular season filled with blowout victories and easy fourth quarters, Jameis Winston and Florida State showed they could close like champions, too. No. 2 Auburn wobbled the top-ranked Seminoles by jumping out to an 18-point lead in the first half, and then put Florida State on the brink of defeat for the first time this season.

Winston responded with the drive of his life and a game-winning touchdown pass with 13 seconds left that topped everything else he has done in one of the most sensational debut seasons a college quarterback has ever had.

The Heisman Trophy winner led the Seminoles 80 yards in the final 79 seconds, flicking a 2-yard TD pass to Kelvin Benjamin to give No. 1 Florida State a 34-31 victory against Auburn in the last BCS championship game Monday night.

"The last drive, that's a great way to cap off our season," Winston said. "That's the way we wanted to cap off our season." The Bowl Championship Series went out with a bang, too, with one of the best title games in its 16-year history, right there with Texas 41, USC 38 at the Rose Bowl in 2006.

That night it was Vince Young leading the Longhorns and capping a



Florida State's Jameis Winston with The Coaches' Trophy after the NCAA BCS National Championship college football game against Auburn Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, in Pasadena, Calif. Florida State won 34-31.

Associated Press

comeback by scooting into the end zone with 19 seconds left.

Now Winston is the Prince of Pasadena.

Next season the BCS will be replaced by a four-team playoff. Winston and the Seminoles should be contenders again after snapping the Southeastern Conference's seven-year national title streak.

"The SEC is great football, I coached in that league for 13 years, I respect every bit of it," coach Jimbo Fisher said, "but there's some other folks in this country that can play some football, too."

Florida State, which played in the first BCS championship games but had not been back since, was voted a unanimous No. 1 in the final AP Top 25. Auburn

finished second.

Winston struggled much of the night but was near perfect when the Seminoles (14-0) needed it most, going 6 for 7 for 77 yards on the last drive.

"It was the best football game he's played all year," Fisher said of Winston, "and I'll tell you why, because for three quarters he was up and down and he fought."

Winston was 20 for 35 for 237 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdown passes on his 20th birthday. He zipped the Seminoles down the field on the final drive, with a 49-yard catch and run from Rashad Greene.

"I was ready," Winston said. "I wanted to be in that situation because that's what great quarterbacks do. That's what the

Tom Bradys, Peyton Mannings, Drew Brees, that's what they do."

Florida State also got help from Auburn. A pass interference penalty in the end zone on Chris Davis on third-and-8 from the 10 gave Florida State a first down at the 2.

"Thought it was great defense. That's all I can say," Davis said, adding, the officials "should have just let us play."

On the next play Winston threw high to the 6-foot-5 Benjamin for the touchdown.

"Once the ball is in the air on that post route, I've got to go get it, and I did," Benjamin said. "Simple as that."

There was no miracle finish this time for the turnaround Tigers, who went from 3-9 to SEC champions in their first season under coach Gus Malzahn. They tossed the ball around on one final play, but it ended with Florida State jumping on a fumble, and the Seminoles sprinting onto the field under a storm of garnet and gold confetti.

Florida State scored 21 points in the fourth quarter, and the teams combined for 24 in a breathtaking last 4:42.

"It felt storybook again," Auburn defensive tackle Gabe Wright said. "It really felt like we were going to bring it out again. We're just on the other end of the stick. It's usually us going

out on the field and celebrating. It's been a long time since we had an 'L' in this locker room."

Auburn won nine straight to get here after starting the season unranked.

Tre Mason gave Auburn (12-2) a 31-27 lead with a 37-yard touchdown run with 1:19 left after Kermit Whitfield had put Florida State in the lead for the first time since the first quarter with a 100-yard kickoff return to make it 27-24 with 4:31 left.

Mason ran for 195 yards and scored two touchdowns, and Nick Marshall threw two touchdown passes for the Tigers.

"I told them in the locker room, we put together the biggest turnaround in the history of college football. We were on the brink of making it one of those magical seasons," Malzahn said.

Florida State hadn't been challenged like this all season, winning by an average of 42 points.

Florida State and Winston's biggest problem this season came off the field. Winston was investigated for a year-old sexual assault complaint in November, but after three weeks the Florida state attorney's office determined it did not have enough evidence to charge him.

The Seminoles were down 21-3 in the first half to Auburn. They hadn't trailed in a game since Sept. 28. □

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# Radwanska upset by Mattek-Sands at Sydney

**SYDNEY (AP)** — Top seed and defending champion Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland was defeated by American qualifier Bethanie Mattek-Sands 7-5, 6-3 in the second round of the Sydney International, a key warm-up tournament for the Australian Open. Mattek-Sands, who is back on tour after a four-month layoff because of a right knee injury, lost in the first round in Brisbane last week and had to win three matches just to qualify for the main draw in Sydney. "Very happy with it," Mattek-Sands said. "I've played her a couple times and I've never beaten her, so it's probably one of the best wins of my career." Radwanska received treatment on her right serving shoulder during last week's Hopman Cup in Perth and said Tuesday it was still bothering her. "Maybe a little bit, but I have good painkillers," Radwanska said. "It's not a big deal, it should be all right." Mattek-Sands advanced



**Bethanie Mattek-Sands of the U.S. plays a shot between her legs to Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland during their women's singles match at the Sydney International tennis tournament in Sydney, Australia, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014.**

Associated Press

to play fellow American Madison Keys, who defeated Croatian wild-card entry Ajla Tomljanovic 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 (3). Former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki was also on the receiving end of an upset, falling to Lucie Safarova 6-4, 7-6 (7). Wozniacki, recently engaged to golfer Rory McIlroy, was up three points in the second-set

tiebreaker before allowing Safarova to clinch the match. Former Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova, the second seed, had little trouble in the afternoon session, beating American qualifier Christina McHale 6-1, 6-0. Angelique Kerber of Germany was also through to the quarterfinals after beating Kaia Kanepi of Es-

tonia 6-3 6-4. In other men's play at Sydney, defending champion Bernard Tomic of Australia advanced with a 6-3, 6-0 win over eighth-seeded Marcel Granollers of Spain. Seventh-seeded Marin Cilic of Croatia defeated Jan-Lennard Struff of Germany 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, Spain's Albert Ramos took out American Sam Querrey 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Nicolas Mahut of France beat American Ryan Harrison 7-6 (2), 7-5. At the ATP tournament at Auckland, New Zealand, American qualifier Donald Young beat Federico Delbonis of Argentina 7-5, 6-2 to set up a showdown with top seed and four-time champion David Ferrer of Spain. German Philipp Kohlschreiber, the fifth seed, and Frenchman Benoit Paire, the sixth seed, were also winners. At the Hobart International WTA event, Australian teenager and wild-card entry Storm Sanders beat China's Peng Shuai, ranked nearly 200 places ahead

of her, 6-2, 6-2. Sanders was only given a wild card when fellow Australian Ashleigh Barty withdrew with a hip injury. American Alison Riske beat Australian Casey Dellacqua 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 in another second-round match, while defending champion Elena Vesnina of Russia advanced with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Monica Puig of Puerto Rico. Lleyton Hewitt, meanwhile, withdrew from the Kooyong exhibition tournament in Melbourne, saying he feared playing would harm his preparations for the Australian Open. The veteran Hewitt, who has struggled with injuries in recent years, reclaimed his place as Australia's top-ranked player when he won the Brisbane International on Sunday with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 upset victory over Roger Federer. "At the moment it's just all about recovery for me," the 32-year-old said. "When you get older it gets a bit tougher than when you were 16." □

## Lindsey Vonn

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"She's come back. She'll be back," Vonn's father, Alan Kildow, said in a telephone interview. "You'll see a lot of Lindsey Vonn in the future." Vonn left the 2010 Vancouver Games with two medals: the first Olympic downhill gold for an American woman, and a bronze in the super-G. She is also a four-time overall World Cup champion, by far the most recognized name in Alpine skiing at the moment — and, as it happens, the girlfriend of Tiger Woods. Add it all up, and she would have been the focus of plenty of media coverage in Sochi, certainly a main character in NBC's coverage for a U.S. audience. "Without Lindsey Vonn, the races are just not the same," Canadian women's Alpine coach Hugues Ansermoz said last month. "She just attracts so much



**Lindsey Vonn speaks at a news conference regarding her future at the Sochi Olympics, the World Cup season and 2015 World Championships at Gold Peak, Vail, Colo., on Friday, Nov. 8, 2013.**

interest. When Lindsey Vonn is here, there are more people coming to watch the race, there is more interest on TV, more journalists are interested. And her relationship with Tiger Woods makes even more people interested." But Vonn has rarely been present on the elite skiing circuit the past 12 months.

She tore two ligaments in her right knee and broke a bone in that leg during a high-speed crash at the world championships last February. As Vonn neared a return, she re-tore her surgically repaired ACL in a crash during training in November. After finishing 40th, 11th and fifth in a trio of

World Cup races at Lake Louise, Alberta, in early December, Vonn sprained her MCL during a downhill at Val d'Isere, France, two weeks later. "I did everything I possibly could to somehow get strong enough to overcome having no ACL," Vonn said Tuesday via Facebook. "I'm having surgery soon so that I can be ready for the World Championships at home in Vail next February," she wrote. "On a positive note, this means there will be an additional spot so that one of my teammates can go for gold." Mikaela Shiffrin, the reigning world champion in slalom, and Julia Mancuso, a three-time Olympic medalist, will now draw extra attention as American women trying to reach the Alpine skiing podium in Sochi. Top skiers from other countries who will be favored for medals include Germany's Maria Hoefl-Riesch, Switzerland's Lara

Gut, Slovenia's Tina Maze and Liechtenstein's Tina Weirather. Shiffrin, the U.S. teenager labeled the "next Vonn" by some, wrote on Twitter that it's "hard to swallow" that Vonn won't be competing in Sochi. Another American racer, Stacey Cook, posted on Facebook: "Our team is not the same without you. You leave big shoes to fill." After skiing in two downhills and a super-G at Lake Louise last month, Vonn sounded optimistic, declaring she would be in Sochi, "fighting for my medal." But shortly thereafter in France — with Woods watching in the finish area — Vonn lost her balance. Her left ski lifted, forcing weight onto her right knee. She grimaced, then clutched that leg. Kay said Tuesday an MRI "showed an MCL sprain, which coupled with the torn ACL, has made it impossible to stabilize her knee and be ready to safely ski again next month." □



## Samsung forecasts a greater earnings dip than expected

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**TOKYO** - Samsung Electronics, the world's biggest maker of smartphones, said Tuesday that its earnings in the last quarter of 2013 fell from the previous three-month period as well as from the same period a year ago, heightening investors' concerns about competitive pressures in the industry.

As usual, the company, based in South Korea, released only a bare-bones forecast of its quarterly earnings, in advance of a full report later in the month, and provided no reasons for the expected decline in operating income. Analysts have said the company faced tighter profit margins on smartphones, along with higher employee bonus costs, during the quarter.

While the drop was expected, the earnings forecast was below analysts' estimates. The company predicted operating income of about 8.3 trillion won (\$7.8 billion) for the final three months of the year, down from 10.2 trillion won in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter of 2012, the company had 8.84 trillion won in operating income.

Revenue is expected to total about 59 trillion won, roughly even with the third quarter.

While Samsung controls more than one-third of the global smartphone market, it faces renewed competition from Apple, which recently added leading network operators like China Mobile and NTT DoCoMo of Japan to its roster of iPhone vendors. Samsung also faces increased competition from low-cost manufacturers in China, some of which hope to challenge Samsung and Apple in developed markets. Analysts say Samsung's costs in the fourth quarter were lifted by a special bonus to some employees to mark the 20th anniversary of what the company calls its new management initiative. In 1993, the Samsung group patriarch, Lee Kun-hee, began a drive to raise the quality of the company's products, telling managers to "change everything except your wife and children."

Samsung will issue a detailed earnings report on Jan. 24. □

# US stocks rally, breaking a three-day slump

STEVE ROTHWELL

AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks rallied Tuesday, ending a slump that had ushered in the New Year.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index climbed the most in three weeks, led by gains for health care stocks. UnitedHealth Group, the nation's largest health insurer, and Johnson & Johnson both climbed on recommendations for brokerage firms. After three straight declines, the S&P 500 would have matched its worst opening of a year since 1978 had it closed lower for a fourth day. The stock market's slow start to 2014 contrasts with last year's exceptional performance, when the S&P 500 climbed to record levels after surging almost 30 percent.

"To me the trend still looks up, even though we've been chopping around," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management Group. The economy "seems to be in the mode that you would expect corporate earnings to continue to grow."

The S&P 500 rose 11.11 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,837.88, the biggest gain since Dec. 18. Nine of the 10 sectors that make up the index rose.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 105.84 points, or 0.6 percent, to 16,530.94. The Nasdaq composite gained 39.50 points, or 1 percent, to

4,153.18.

UnitedHealth group gained \$2.27, or 3.1 percent, to \$76.51 after analysts at Deutsche Bank said they expected the nation's largest health insurance company to charge customers more in premiums this year. Johnson &

has backed the Fed's recent efforts to stimulate the economy with low interest rates and huge bond purchases. The confirmation is a reminder that the Fed's policies of stimulating the economy will likely continue, said Kristina Hooper, U.S. Investment Strategist

for last year's rally in stocks. Despite Tuesday's gains, stocks have started the year off on uncertain footing. Materials companies have declined 1.6 percent so far this year, led by Cliffs Natural Resources. The mining company, which was the second-biggest loser in



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Stocks rallied Tuesday, January 7, 2014, ending a slump that had ushered in the New Year. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

Johnson climbed \$1.96, or 2.1 percent, to \$94.29 after analysts at RBC Capital raised their outlook on the stock to "outperform," in part due to optimism on sales of the diabetes drug Invokana. Investors were also encouraged by the easy passage in a Senate vote late Monday of Janet Yellen's nomination to take the helm at the Federal Reserve. The vote puts an economist in the post who

at Allianz Global Investors. "It's just a nice little halo effect," said Hooper.

Investors will get more insight into the Fed's thinking when minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee are released on Wednesday. The Fed announced after its last meeting that it would begin winding down its monthly \$85 billion bond-buying program. That stimulus was a major support

the S&P 500 last year, is extending its slump. It's down 7 percent this year.

Manufacturers and vendors of consumer staples, such as grocers, tobacco companies and brewers, have also struggled in the first few days of this year. They're down 1.2 percent. In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.94 percent from 2.96 percent Monday. □

## Oil prices boosted by extraordinary US cold snap

PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

The price of oil rose to near \$94 a barrel Tuesday as unusually cold weather in the U.S. was expected to fuel demand in the world's largest market for energy.

Benchmark U.S. oil for February delivery rose 24 cents to \$93.67 a barrel in New York. On Monday, the contract fell 53 cents to settle at \$93.43 a barrel.

Crude prices were bolstered by a cold snap in the U.S., the world's top oil consumer, as the use of heating oil is expected to surge.

Dangerously cold polar air broke decades-old records, spreading Tuesday from the Midwest to southern and eastern parts of the U.S. and eastern Canada. Many cities came to a virtual standstill, with flights cancelled and schools and businesses shuttered due to the cold. Forecasters said some 187 million people could feel the effects of the "polar vortex" by the time it spreads across the country. Prices were also supported by continuing uncertainty about Libya's crude exports. Nearly three years

after the start of the civil war that ousted Moammar Gadhafi, strikes and protests in the oil industry and conflicts between the government and regional militias have kept output at a fraction of its earlier level of around 1.5 million barrels a day.

However, even with the uncertainty in Libya, Iraq and other key oil producers, global supplies are expected to remain ample and keep crude prices under pressure.

"Despite these troubles, the supply outlook is robust,"

said the Kilduff Report edited by Michael Fitzpatrick. "A test of \$92 will likely occur this week, with more losses to follow."

Brent crude, used to set prices for international varieties of crude, was up 62 cents to \$107.35.

In other energy futures trading:

— Wholesale gasoline rose 3.26 cents to \$2.678 a gallon.

— Natural gas was down nearly a cent to \$4.30 per 1,000 cubic feet.

— Heating oil was up 2.05 cents to \$2.959 a gallon. □



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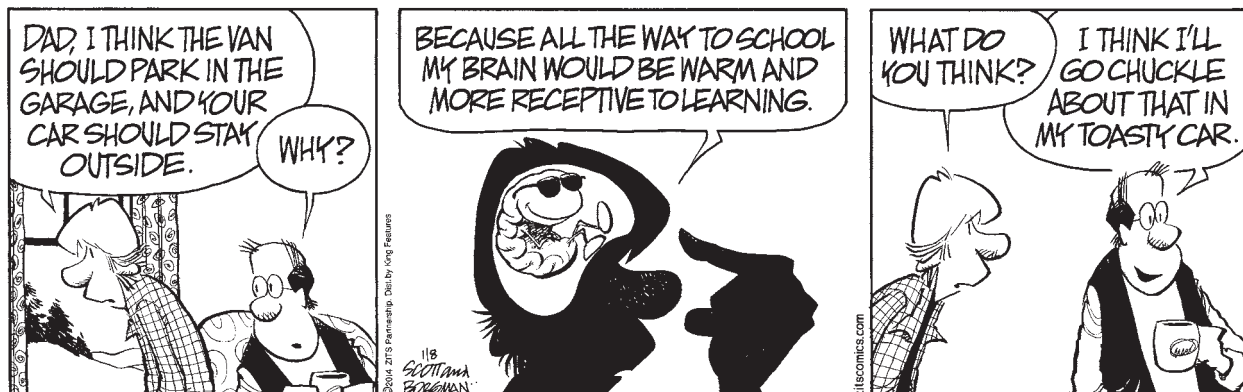
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Threaded metal fastener
- Teacup's edge
- Sweetheart
- Statement of religious beliefs
- Stood up
- Simple
- Sensible
- Heaven above
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- Beginning; start
- Angry look
- Facial twitch
- Sell out
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- Mistake
- oneself; prepare for bad news
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- Once more
- Seal cracks with putty
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- Pass on
- Hive contents
- Of the kidneys
- Moral principles
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- Light-refracting crystal
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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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# Study: Tobacco control has saved millions of lives

**LINDSEY TANNER**  
**AP Medical Writer**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Anti-smoking measures have saved roughly 8 million U.S. lives since a landmark 1964 report linking smoking and disease, a study estimates, yet the nation's top disease detective says dozens of other countries do a better job on several efforts to cut tobacco use.

The study and comments were published online Tuesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. This week's issue commemorates the 50th anniversary of the U.S. surgeon general report credited with raising alarms about the dangers of smoking.

In one study, researchers used national health surveys and death rates to calculate how many deaths might have occurred since 1964 if Americans' smoking habits and related deaths had continued at a pace in place before the report.

More than 42 percent of U.S. adults smoked in years preceding the report; that rate has dropped to about 18 percent.

The researchers say their calculation — 8 million deaths — equals lives saved thanks to anti-smoking efforts.

Their report also says tobacco controls have contributed substantially to increases in U.S. life expectancy. For example, life expectancy for 40-year-olds has increased by more than five years since 1964; tobacco control accounts for about 30 percent of that gain, the report says.

The conclusions are just estimates, not hard evidence, but lead author Theodore Holford, a biostatistics professor at Yale University's school of public



**A woman smokes a cigarette while sitting in her truck in Hayneville, Ala. Anti-smoking measures have saved roughly 8 million U.S. lives since a landmark 1964 report linking smoking and disease, a study estimates, yet the nation's top disease detective says dozens of other countries have surpassed U.S. efforts to stop many tobacco-related harms.**

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health, said the numbers "are pretty striking."

Yet smoking remains a stubborn problem and heart disease, cancer, lung ailments and stroke — all often linked with smoking — are top four leading causes of death in the U.S. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control says about 443,000 Americans still die prematurely each year from smoking-related causes.

"Tobacco is, quite simply, in a league of its own in terms of the sheer numbers and varieties of ways it kills and maims people," Dr. Thomas Frieden, the CDC's director, wrote in a *JAMA* commentary.

Frieden said the United States lags behind many other countries in adopting measures proven to reduce tobacco use, including graphic health warning labels on cigarettes, high tobacco taxes and widespread bans on tobacco advertising.

"Images of smoking in movies, television and on the Internet remain common;

and cigarettes continue to be far too affordable in nearly all parts of the country," Frieden wrote.

Frieden cited data showing 32 countries have done better at raising tobacco taxes, and at least 30 have adopted stronger cigarette warning labels. These include Australia, Brazil, Canada and Uruguay, and research has suggested that gruesome labels can help persuade smokers to quit.

Tobacco companies have fought U.S. efforts to adopt similar labeling and an appeals court last year blocked a Food and Drug Administration mandate for stronger labels.

Other articles and studies in the journal show: —Smoking declined an average 25 percent among men in 187 countries from 1980-2012, and by 42 percent among women.

Because of population growth, the number of smokers worldwide has increased and rates remain high in many countries. More than half of men smoke in Russia, Indonesia and Armenia, and more than 1 in 4 women smoke in Chile, France and Greece. —Smoking rates among U.S. registered nurses dropped to 7 percent in 2010-11, from 11 percent in 2003, and remained low among doctors, at just below 2 percent. The rate was 25 percent among licensed practical nurses, who have less advanced education than registered nurses.

—Drugs including nicotine patches, Chantix and Zyban, work better than dummy treatments at helping smokers quit at least temporarily but many often resume after a year.

—Electronic cigarettes may help some smokers quit but conclusive research is needed and their long-term safety is unknown. Users inhale nicotine vapor from the battery-operated devices and they could lead to nicotine addiction among nonsmokers, according to a review article. □

## Back to the future? Time travel missing on Twitter

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Time travelers, if they really exist, seem to be keeping their adventures to themselves. Researchers with perhaps a bit too much time on their hands conducted an extensive Internet and social media search for evidence of time travelers going back in history and then bragging about it online.

And they came up empty. No real life Dr. Who or Marty McFly from the movie "Back to the Future" tweeting secrets a bit early.

Spurred by idle chat during Thursday poker games, an astrophysicist and his students at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan, searched for mentions of Pope Francis

and Comet ISON before they popped into reality. Francis was elected pope last March and ISON was first detected in September 2012. The idea: If someone mentions a Pope Francis in a 2011 tweet, Facebook post or blog item, then they must have come back from the future with special knowledge. But no one posted anything prescient.

And last September, the researchers asked people to tweet "#Icanchangethepast2" — but do it before August, a month earlier. Again, no one did.

The disappointing results, rejected by three physics journals, will be presented Tuesday at the American Astronomical Society conference in Washington.

If someone went back in

time and said something to hint about the future, it would prove the concept of time travel, said astrophysicist Robert Nemiroff.

He said this was merely summer fun that cost nothing to do.

"This wasn't a major research push," Nemiroff said Monday at the astronomy meeting. "This was typing things into search engines. Billions of dollars are spent on time travel movies and books and stuff like that. This probably costs less than a dollar to check on it."

Nemiroff said this isn't his normal field and he didn't much believe in traveling backward in time before — and believes less in it now. "Unless I go back (in time) and publish lots of papers," he joked. □

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## First Up, Mental Illness. Next Topic Is Up To You.



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Those of us in the pundit world tend to blather on about what happened yesterday, while often ignoring what happens every day. We stir up topics already on the agenda, but we falter at calling attention to crucial-but-neglected issues.

So here's your chance to tell us what we're missing. I invite readers to suggest issues that deserve more attention in 2014. Make your suggestions on my blog, [nytimes.com/ontheground](http://nytimes.com/ontheground). I hope to quote from some of your ideas in a future column.

My own suggestion for a systematically neglected issue: mental health. One-quarter of American adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder, including depression, anorexia, post-traumatic stress disorder and more, according to the National Institutes of Health. Such disorders are the leading cause of disability in the United States and Canada, the NIH says.

A parent with depression. A lover who is bipolar. A child with an eating disorder. A brother who returned from war with PTSD. A sister who is suicidal.

All across America and the world, families struggle with these issues, but people are more likely to cry quietly in bed than speak out. These mental health issues pose a greater risk to our well-being than, say, the Afghan Taliban or al-Qaida terrorists, yet in polite society there is still something of a code of silence around these topics.

We in the news business have devoted vast coverage to political battles over health care, deservedly, but we don't delve enough into underlying mental health issues that are crucial to national well-being.

Indeed, when the news media do cover mental health, we do so mostly in extreme situations such as a mass shooting. That leads the public to think of mental disorders as dangerous, stigmatizing those who are mentally ill and making it harder for them to find friends or get family support.

In fact, says an Institute of Medicine report, the danger is "greatly exaggerated" in the public mind. The report concluded: "although findings of many studies suggest a link between mental illnesses and violence, the contribution of people with mental illnesses to overall rates of violence is small."

Put simply, the great majority of people who are mentally ill are not violent and do not constitute a threat - except, sometimes, to themselves. Every year, 38,000 Americans commit suicide, and 90 percent of them are said to suffer from mental illness.

One study found that anorexia is by far the most deadly psychiatric disorder, partly because of greatly elevated suicide risk.

Mental illness is also linked to narcotics and alcoholism, homelessness, parenting problems and cycles of poverty. One study found that 55 percent of American infants in poverty are raised by mothers with symptoms of depression, which impairs child rearing.

So if we want to tackle a broad range of social pathologies and inequities, we as a society have to break taboos about mental health. There has been progress, and news organizations can help accelerate it. But too often our coverage just aggravates the stigma and thereby encourages more silence.

The truth is that mental illness is not hopeless, and people recover all the time. Consider John Nash, the Princeton University mathematics genius who after a brilliant early career then tumbled into delusions and involuntary hospitalization - captured by the book and movie "A Beautiful Mind." Nash spent decades as an obscure, mumbling presence on the Princeton campus before regaining his mental health and winning the Nobel Prize for economics.

Although treatments are available, we often don't provide care, so the mentally ill disproportionately end up in prison or on the streets.

One example of a cost-effective approach employs a case worker to help mentally ill people leaving a hospital or shelter as they adjust to life in the outside world. Randomized trials have found that this support dramatically reduces subsequent homelessness and hospitalization.

Researchers found that the \$6,300 cost per person in the program was offset by \$24,000 in savings because of reduced hospitalization. In short, the program more than paid for itself. But we as a society hugely underinvest in mental health services.

Children in particular don't get treated nearly often enough. The American Journal of Psychiatry reports that, of children ages 6 to 17 who need mental health services, 80 percent don't get help. Racial and ethnic minorities are even more underserved.

So mental health gets my vote as a major neglected issue meriting more attention. It's not sexy, and it doesn't involve Democrats and Republicans screaming at each other, but it is a source of incalculable suffering that can be remedied.

Now it's your turn to suggest neglected issues for coverage in 2014. I'll be back with a report. □



## Compromise: Not A Four-Letter Word



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Former Sen. Alan Simpson likes to say that if you can't learn to compromise on issues without compromising yourself, you should not be in Congress, be in business or get married. It is amazing how many people violate that rule, but especially in Congress and especially among the Tea Party types, where calling someone a "deal maker" is now the ultimate put down. What makes it crazier is that in American education, innovation and commerce today, "collaboration" is being taught and rewarded as the best way to do anything big, important and complex. Indeed, in Silicon Valley, a "collaborator" means someone with whom you're building something great. In D.C., it means someone committing political treason by working with the other party. And that is why Silicon Valley is now the turbo-engine of our economy and D.C. is the dead hand.

To be sure, in politics compromise is not a virtue in and of itself. There are questions of true principle - civil rights, for instance - where compromise might kill the principled choice. But there has been an inflation of "principles" lately that is inhibiting compromise. A certain tax rate or retirement age is not a principle. It's an interest that needs to be balanced against others. Today, we would be best served in meeting our biggest challenges by adopting a hybrid of the best ideas of left and right - and the fact that we can't is sapping our strength.

For instance, on the debt/spending issue, Congress should be borrowing money at these unusually low rates to invest in a 10-year upgrade of our crumbling infrastructure (roads, bridges, telecom, ports, airports and rail lines) and in a huge funding increase for our national laboratories, research universities and institutes of health, which are the gardens for so many startups. Together, such an investment would stimulate sustained employment, innovation and the wealth creation to pay for it. But this near-term investment should be paired with long-term entitlement reductions, defense cuts and tax reform that would be phased in gradually as the economy improves, so we do not add to the already heavy fiscal burden on our children, deprive them of future investment resources or leave our economy vulnerable to unforeseen shocks, future recessions or the stresses that are sure to come when all the baby boomers retire. President Barack Obama has favored such a hybrid, but it was shot down by the Tea Party wing, before we could see if he could really sell it to his base. We should exploit our new natural gas bounty, but only by pairing it with the highest environmental extraction rules and a national, steadily rising, renewable energy portfolio standard that would ensure that natural gas replaces coal - not solar, wind or other renewables. That way shale gas becomes a bridge to a cleaner energy future, not just an addiction to a less dirty, climate-destabilizing fossil fuel. In some cities, teachers' unions really are holding up education reform. But we need to stop blaming teachers alone. We also have a parent problem: parents who do not take an interest in their children's schooling or set high standards. And we have a student problem: students who do not understand the connection between their skills and their life opportunities and are unwilling

to work to today's global standards. Reform requires a hybrid of both teacher reform and a sustained - not just one speech - national campaign to challenge parents and create a culture of respect and excitement for learning. Obama has failed to use his unique bully pulpit to lead such a campaign. Finally, the merger of globalization and the information-technology revolution has shrunk the basis of the old middle class - the high-wage, middle-skilled job. Increasingly, there are only high-wage, high-skilled jobs. This merger of globalization and IT has put capitalism - and its core engine of creative destruction - on steroids. That's why Republicans are wrong when they oppose raising minimum wages and expanding national health care. These kinds of social safety nets make the free market possible; otherwise people won't put up with creative destruction on steroids.

But it is capitalism, startups, risk-taking and entrepreneurship that make these safety nets affordable, which is why we need more tax incentives for startups, the substitutions of carbon taxes for payroll and corporate taxes, and more cuts to regulations that burden business. Unfortunately, promotion of risk-taking and risk-takers is disappearing from the Democratic Party agenda. Its energy and excitement is focused much more today on wealth redistribution than wealth creation. On immigration, Senate Democrats and Republicans forged a sensible hybrid solution, but Tea Partiers in the House are blocking it.

These hybrid solutions are not how to split the difference. They're how to make a difference. But they only get forged if Republican leaders take on the Tea Party - which transformed the GOP into a far-right party, uninterested in governing - and remake the GOP into a center-right party again. □



# BUNDLING UP WITH TAGINE-MADE LAMB

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This is not the season for roast lamb. Wouldn't you rather have a warming stew during these bitterly cold days? Of course, for those of us who love a good braise, it's stew season all year round - but a deeply savory slow-cooked lamb tagine is exactly what I want just now.

The best cut for this Moroccan stew is the shank of the lamb, which gives a melting, unctuous quality to the dish. (Even when I make this tagine with meaty neck bones or bone-in shoulder chops, I add at least one shank to the pot.) Just describing it makes me crave that very particular taste of shank meat, simmered to sticky tenderness with buttery saffron-flecked onions, soft Medjool dates and a spice mixture with just enough cayenne.

In Morocco, a traditional tagine is cooked in an earthenware vessel with a conical top (also called a tagine) set over coals. The design of the pot ensures that moisture doesn't evaporate, so a concentrated flavorful sauce is always bathing the meat within. Modern Moroccan cooks use a large pot over a gas flame instead, but they may bring the stew to the table in a colorful decorative tagine. I often begin a tagine in a pot on the stovetop and finish it in the oven. One secret to a stellar tagine is cooking the meat to just the right stage, almost falling off the bone, but not quite. Remember that even a stew can become overcooked and stringy, so pull the meat as soon as it is ready.

Another is to check in to monitor its progress

from time to time. If the level of the liquid in the pot gets too low, you risk drying out the meat, so it may be necessary to add a cup of water occasionally. You get a second chance to fix the sauce at the end of the process. If it seems too thin, boil it down a bit; too concentrated, add a little water. For me, the ideal consistency is somewhere on the thicker side of brothy. Taste the sauce for balance, then adjust to get the perfect combination of sweet, salty and spicy.

Eat your tagine from a communal vessel the Moroccan way, attacking with fingers and flatbreads in utter enjoyment.

## LAMB SHANK TAGINE WITH DATES

Time: 3 1/2 hours

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

3 large lamb shanks, about 4 1/2 pounds

Salt and pepper

6 garlic cloves, minced

1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger

1 tablespoon paprika

2 teaspoons ground cumin

2 tablespoons butter

1 large onion, sliced, about 2 cups

Small pinch saffron

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 tablespoon tomato paste

1 2-inch piece cinnamon stick

2 teaspoons dried ginger

1/2 cup chopped dates of any kind, plus 24 whole Medjool dates

1/2 cup golden raisins, soaked in hot water to soften for 30 minutes and drained

1/2 cup pomegranate seeds

Cilantro sprigs, for garnish

1. Trim shanks of excess fat, then season gener-



A lamb-shank tagine with dates and pomegranates, served in the traditional earthenware vessel that gives its name to many slow-cooked Moroccan dishes, in New York. Tagines, even when prepared in modern pots over gas flame, must have their water level monitored closely but can produce savory dishes ideal for winter weather. (Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

ously with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, combine garlic, fresh ginger, paprika and cumin, and smear over shanks. Leave shanks at room temperature to season for at least an hour. (Or you can wrap and refrigerate several hours, or overnight; return to room temperature before proceeding.)

2. In a Dutch oven or heavy-bottomed soup pot, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onion, saffron and cayenne, and sprinkle with salt. Cook for 5 minutes, until somewhat softened. Stir in tomato paste and cook 1 minute. Lower heat to medium, add seasoned

shanks and let cook with onions, turning occasionally, until meat and onions are lightly browned, about 10 minutes.

3. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Add cinnamon stick, dried ginger, chopped dates and water to barely cover (about 3 1/2 to 4 cups) to the pot. Bring to a simmer, cover pot with a tightfitting lid and place in oven. Bake for 30 minutes, then turn heat down to 350 degrees. Check sauce and add water if level of liquid is below meat. Continue baking for another hour, checking liquid level occasionally, then test meat by probing with

skewer or paring knife. It should be quite tender and almost falling from bone, but cooked no further. (Tagine may be prepared to this point up to two days ahead. Reheat gently in a covered pot on the stovetop, adding a little more water as necessary.)

4. Remove meat from pot and place in deep, wide serving bowl. Skim off any surface fat from cooking liquid in pot. Add whole dates to pot and simmer for a few minutes to reduce sauce slightly. Pour sauce and dates over meat. To serve, garnish with raisins, pomegranate seeds and cilantro sprigs. □